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SUBJECT: NICARAGUA: AMCIT PROPERTY CLAIMS MONTHLY UPDATE: JUNE 2009

SUMMARY

¶1. In June 2009, the Government of Nicaragua (GON) reported the resolution of nine Embassy registered property claims. A U.S. citizen claimant also withdrew one claim because he did not have sufficient documents to support his case. There remain 582 unresolved registered property claims belonging to 278 U.S. citizens in the Embassy's database. To date, the overwhelming majority of resolutions have involved compensation via government-issued indemnification bonds ("bonos de pago de indemnizacion" or BPIs). As of June 30, 2009, the GON had issued BPIs with a face value of \$341,992,084.59 to Embassy-registered claimants. Since taking office in January 2007, the Ortega administration has resolved 90 claims, forty-three of which during the 2008-2009 waiver year.

EMBASSY REGISTERED CLAIMS RESOLVED IN JUNE

¶2. On June 30, 2009, the Attorney General's Office provided the Embassy a copy of the final settlement document or "finiquito" that U.S. citizen Norma Amador signed on June 23, 2009. Mrs. Amador received BPIs worth 4,018,000 cordobas, approximately \$197,413. We have updated our database to reflect this settlement.

Claimant	Type of Claim	No. of Claims	Type of Resolution
Norma Amador	Land	1	bonds

¶3. On June 30, 2009, the Attorney General's Office provided the Embassy a copy of the finiquito that the legal representative of the Bandes Estate signed on June 22, 2009. The Bandes Estate received BPIs worth 1,182,900 cordobas, approximately \$58,118. We have updated our database to reflect this settlement. The Bandes Estate claim had been previously dismissed by the GON based on Decree 38 (1979), which authorized the government to confiscate property belonging to allies of the Somoza family.

Claimant	Type of Claim	No. of Claims	Type of Resolution
Bandes Estate	House	1	bonds

¶4. On June 19, 2009, the Attorney General's Office provided the Embassy the finiquito that U.S. citizen Orlando Flores-Ponce signed on June 16, 2009. Mr. Flores-Ponce received BPIs worth 2,120,200 cordobas, approximately \$104,170. We have updated our database to reflect this settlement.

Claimant	Type of Claim	No. of Claims	Type of Resolution
Orlando Flores-Ponce	House	1	bonds

¶5. On June 2, 2009, the Attorney General's Office provided the Embassy a copy of the finiquito that U.S. citizen Amanda Hooker signed on May 4, 2009. Mrs. Hooker received BPIS worth 119,800 cordobas, approximately \$5,886. We have updated our database to reflect this settlement.

Claimant	Type of Claim	No. of Claims	Type of Resolution
Amanda Hooker	House	1 bonds	

¶6. On June 2, 2009, the Attorney General's Office provided the Embassy a copy of the finiquito that the legal representative of U.S. citizen Leticia Jimenez signed on May 29, 2009. Mrs. Jimenez received BPIS worth 842,500 cordobas, approximately \$41,393. We have updated our database to reflect this settlement.

Claimant	Type of Claim	No. of Claims	Type of Resolution
Leticia Jimenez	Land	2 bonds	

¶7. On June 2, 2009, the Attorney General's Office provided the Embassy a copy of the finiquito that U.S. citizen Agnes Montoya signed on May 22, 2009. Mrs. Montoya received BPIS worth 1,617,900 cordobas, approximately \$79,491. We have updated our database to reflect this settlement. Mrs. Montoya's claim had been previously dismissed by the GON based on Decree 38.

Claimant	Type of Claim	No. of Claims	Type of Resolution
Agnes Montoya	House	1 bonds	

¶8. On April 29, 2009, the Attorney General's Office provided the Embassy a copy of the finiquito that U.S. citizen Manuel Murillo signed on April 27, 2009. Mr. Murillo received BPIS worth 34,212,900 cordobas, approximately \$1,680,959. We did not report the resolution of this claim in April because Mr. Murillo had legal issues related to the issuance of the BPIS. We have updated our database to reflect this settlement.

Claimant	Type of Claim	No. of Claims	Type of Resolution
Manuel Murillo	Land	1 bonds	

¶9. On June 30, 2009, the Attorney General's Office provided the Embassy a copy of the finiquito that U.S. citizen Mercedes Torrentes signed on June 25, 2009. Mrs. Torrentes received BPIS worth 1,414,300 cordobas, approximately \$69,487. We have updated our database to reflect this settlement.

Claimant	Type of Claim	No. of Claims	Type of Resolution
Mercedes Torrentes	House	1 bonds	

STATUS OF AMCIT PROPERTY AS OF 06/30/09

¶10. The following is a snapshot of current U.S. citizen property claims. The Embassy maintains separate databases for claims registered before and after the July 31, 2005, deadline in the Consolidated Appropriations Act.

EMBASSY-REGISTERED CLAIMS	NUMBER
Total Amcits with pending claims	278
Total Amcit claims pending resolution	582
EMBASSY-REGISTERED CLAIMS BY CALENDAR YEAR	NUMBER
Claims resolved calendar year 2009	33
Claims resolved calendar year 2008	47

Claims resolved calendar year 2007	10
Claims resolved calendar year 2006	81
Claims resolved calendar year 2005	126
Claims resolved calendar year 2004	218
Claims resolved calendar year 2003	243
Claims resolved calendar year 2002	125
Claims resolved calendar year 2001	175
Claims resolved calendar year 2000	70

EMBASSY-REGISTERED CLAIMS RESOLVED BY WAIVER YEAR NUMBER

Registered claims resolved so far in 2008-09 (waiver year: July 29, 2008 - July 29, 2009)	43
Registered claims resolved 2007-08 waiver year	42
Registered claims resolved 2006-07 waiver year	34
Registered claims resolved 2005-06 waiver year	86
Registered claims resolved 2004-05 waiver year	187
Registered claims resolved 2003-04 waiver year	214
Registered claims resolved 2002-03 waiver year	183
Registered claims resolved 2001-02 waiver year	160
Registered claims resolved 2000-01 waiver year	142
Registered claims resolved 1999-00 waiver year	77
Registered claims resolved 1998-99 waiver year	156
Registered claims resolved 1997-98 waiver year	204
Registered claims resolved 1996-97 waiver year	145

EMBASSY-REGISTERED CLAIMS UNDER GON CONTROL NUMBER

Total Amcit properties under GON control (subject to revision)	51
GON-held claims resolved 2008-09 waiver year	3
GON-held claims resolved 2007-08 waiver year	1
GON-held claims resolved 2006-07 waiver year	0
GON-held claims resolved 2005-06 waiver year	3
GON-held claims resolved 2004-05 waiver year	16
GON-held claims resolved 2003-04 waiver year	12
GON-held claims resolved 2002-03 waiver year	11
GON-held claims resolved 2001-02 waiver year	26
GON-held claims resolved 2000-01 waiver year	2
GON-held claims resolved 1999-00 waiver year	2
GON-held claims resolved 1998-99 waiver year	5
GON-held claims resolved 1997-98 waiver year	29
GON-held claims resolved (total)	177

CLAIMS DISMISSED BY GON NUMBER

MARCH 2008	73
FEBRUARY 2008	15
JANUARY 2008	28
NOVEMBER 2007	18
TOTAL	134
DISMISSED CLAIMS LATER RESOLVED IN FAVOR OF U.S. CLAIMANT	NUMBER
MARCH 2009	1
APRIL 2009	5
MAY 2009	4
JUNE 2009	2
OTHER CATEGORIES TRACKED	NUMBER
WITHDRAWN BY AMCITS (DECISION AGAINST U.S. CLAIMANT IN COURT)	9
CLAIMS WITHDRAWN BY AMCITS (PROPERTY UNDER AMCIT CONTROL)	1
CLAIMS WITHDRAWN BY AMCITS FOR LACK OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS	2
TOTAL CLAIMS RESOLVED BY LAND SWAPS	7
TOTAL CLAIMS COMPENSATED VIA BONDS (face value of bonds \$341.9 million)	1,932
NON-REGISTERED RESOLUTIONS BY WAIVER YEAR	NUMBER
Non-registered resolutions 2008-09 waiver year	1
Non-registered resolutions 2007-08 waiver year	6
Non-registered resolutions 2006-07 waiver year	12
Non-registered resolutions 2005-06 waiver year	30
Non-registered resolutions 2004-05 waiver year	0
Non-registered resolutions 2003-04 waiver year	6
Non-registered resolutions 2002-03 waiver year	22
Non-registered resolutions 2001-02 waiver year	93
Non-registered resolutions 2000-01 waiver year	300
Non-registered resolutions 1999-00 waiver year	455
Non-registered resolutions 1998-99 waiver year	310
Non-registered resolutions 1997-98 waiver year	230
Non-registered resolutions 1996-97 waiver year	208
NON-WAIVER CLAIMS REGISTERED AFTER JULY 31, 2005	NUMBER
Total Amcit claimants registered with Embassy	16
Total Amcit claims pending resolution	22
NON-WAIVER CLAIMS RESOLVED BY CALENDAR YEAR	NUMBER

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Claims resolved in calendar year 2008	1
Claims resolved in calendar year 2009	1
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